



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Livshits et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/466,935

Examiner: Steadman

Filing Date: December 20, 1999

Attorney Ref. No.: US-126O

For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response for filing the Appeal Brief, following the filing of the Notice of Appeal, dated August 25, 2003, three month(s) to February 25, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to November 25, 2003.

Attached please find a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of 1280.00 for this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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